

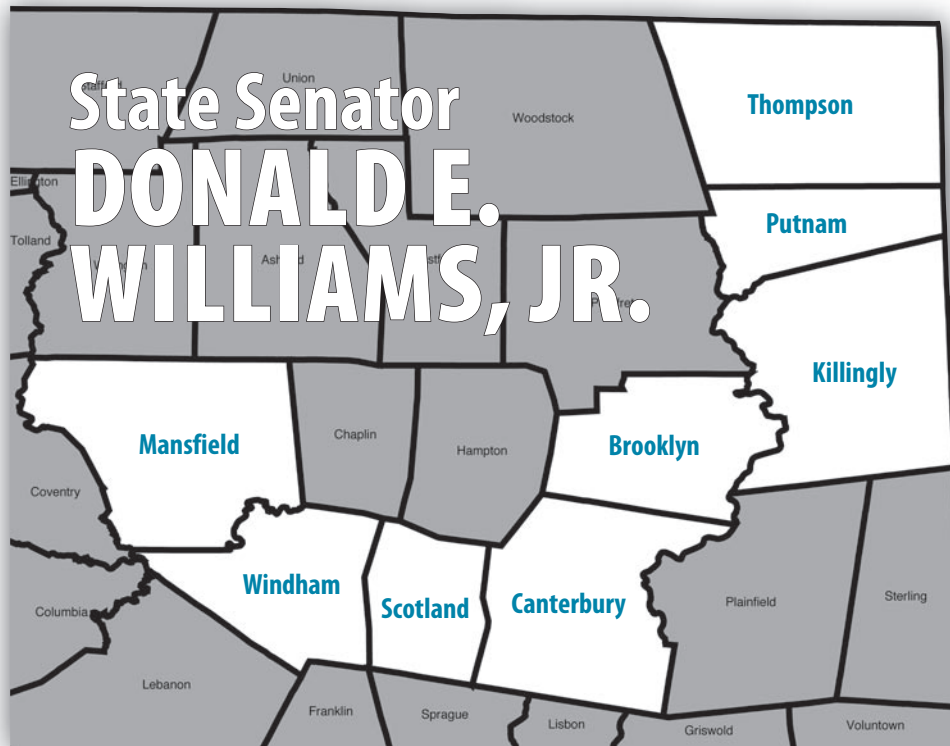
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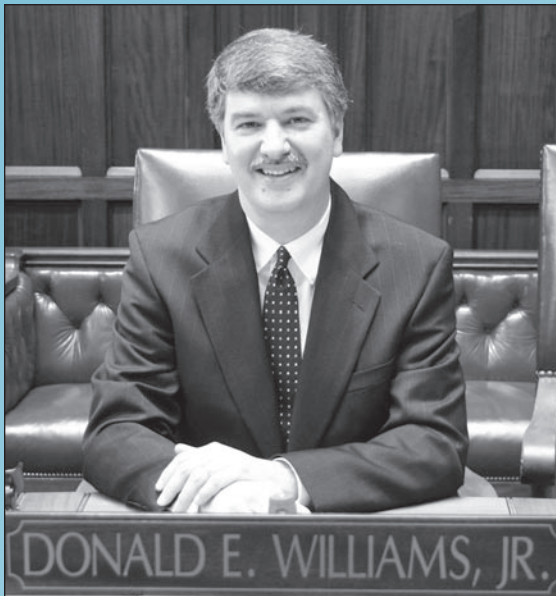
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Dear friend,

As the year comes to an end and the holidays approach, I am busy filling my new responsibilities as state Senate President Pro Tempore and getting ready for the next legislative session. This would not be possible without your continued support and confidence in me. It is an honor to serve as your state Senator and I thank you for the opportunity.

The tasks ahead of us are familiar but significant. We must pass a new two-year budget that meets the needs of Connecticut's residents. We must continue our on-going efforts to improve our public schools and increase access to health care. We must encourage our economy to grow and create jobs for Connecticut residents.

As I work on accomplishing these goals, I am committed to working with our new governor and with the minority party in the legislature. Practical solutions to our state's problems and innovative ideas that help us reach our potential often come from bipartisan collaboration.

Even with the duties of Senate President added to my responsibilities, my primary duty is to represent you in the legislature and I will continue to fight for the residents of eastern Connecticut. I have included a short list of projects in northeastern Connecticut that have recently received state support.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and encourage you to share your concerns with me. I can be reached through the mail, by phone or by e-mail. I have provided my address and phone numbers above.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Williams, Jr.
State Senate President Pro Tempore



← Renovations for Prudence Crandall Museum

The design and pre-construction archaeological investigations for renovations to the Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury have been funded through a state grant. This is yet another step in the much needed restoration of the Crandall Museum.

Expanded Dental Care in Northeast Connecticut

The sum of \$250,000 has been allocated for expanded dental care for children and adults in northeast Connecticut, including more than 12,000 children on the HUSKY health insurance plan. The money, earmarked for Generations Family Health Center Inc. will enable the agency to purchase additional dental practice facilities and equipment in the town of Putnam.

\$9.7 Million for Quinebaug Valley Community College

The State Bond Commission has approved the release of \$9.7 million dollars in state funding for an addition to Quinebaug Valley Community College. The addition will be made to the main campus in Danielson and will enable the school to better serve the educational needs of the people of northeastern Connecticut. QVCC has always played a vital role in providing educational opportunity for the people of this part of the state.

← Day Care Center Improvements at ECSU

Over \$800,000 of state support has been provided to the Child and Family Development Resource Center at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic. Children are best prepared to learn when they are in a friendly, comfortable atmosphere. The funding will be used for activities provided at the center, security cameras and for the development of training videos.

New Horticulture Center and Renovations Camp Quinebaug

A new horticulture center and other renovations at Camp Quinebaug, a Department of Mental Retardation facility in Killingly will receive \$35,000 in state funding. A new horticulture center will provide the clients served by Camp Quinebaug with an opportunity to learn new, valuable life skills. Renovations at the facility are long overdue.

← Quinebaug Fish Hatchery Protected

A new roof will be constructed at the Quinebaug Valley Fish Hatchery with the help of \$1.2 million in state funding. State environmental officials have indicated that high-tech monitoring equipment could be jeopardized if the roof is not replaced. The Quinebaug Valley Fish Hatchery produces 95% of the trout stocked in Connecticut's waters each year.

